

ABSTRACT

A protective guard for a finger or thumb may be used during a medical procedure.

The protective guard may inhibit needle or instrument puncture of a medical

- 5 practitioner's skin during a medical procedure. The protective guard may include a
puncture resistant portion and a less puncture resistant portion. The material used to form
the puncture resistant portion and the less puncture resistant portion may be chosen so
that the guard provides a large degree of penetration resistance while still remaining
flexible. The color of the puncture resistant portion may be different than the color of the
10 less puncture resistant portion to provide a user with a visual indication of the puncture
resistant portions of the protective guard.